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DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES INVESTIGATION AND ARREST IN DOUBLE HOMICIDE IN PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP



AARON DESHONG

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 25, 2023) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pennsylvania State Police Captain Gerard B. McShea announce an investigation and charges in a double homicide that occurred in a home on the 700 block of Gravel Pike in Perkiomen Township. Aaron Deshong, 49, who resided in the home, has been arrested for the murders of his mother and brother.

On Sept. 24, 2023, at 5:02 p.m., Pennsylvania State Police responded to a home on Gravel Pike in Perkiomen Township after a male placed a call to an FBI Threat Assessment Center and indicated that he may have hurt his family members. The FBI relayed the information to PSP Skippack, and Troopers were dispatched. Troopers arrived on scene while the caller, later identified as Aaron Deshong, was still on the phone with the FBI. He was detained by troopers, then troopers entered the home to find a deceased female and male in the kitchen. The deceased were identified as Wanda Deshong, 74, who lived at the home, and Adam Deshong, 53, of Devon. A Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver, registered to the defendant, was found in the defendant's basement bedroom closet. The revolver had four spent shell casings in the cylinder as well as two live rounds.

Autopsies on both bodies were conducted by Dr. Khalil Wardak, with the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, who found that Wanda Deshong died of a gunshot wound to the head, and Adam Deshong died of multiple gunshot wounds. The manner of death for both was homicide.

Aaron Deshong is charged with First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder and Possessing an Instrument of Crime. He is awaiting arraignment at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. There is no bail available for First-Degree Murder charges. A preliminary hearing date will be set at arraignment.

The case will be prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney and Chief of Trials Thomas W. McGoldrick and Assistant District Attorney Libby Hemler.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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